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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN DELEGATES TO IPU MEETING IN
BUCHAREST, APRIL 11-20

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1. INDONESIAN DELEGATION TO IPU MEETING WILL BE
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SUHARTO KUSUMOHARTONO, CHAIRMAN
AND COLONEL SUKANDAR SUROJOTANOYO. BOTH MEN ADDRESSED
BY THEIR FIRST NAMES, I.E. MR SUHARTO, COL SUKANDAR.

2. SUHARTO (NO RELATION TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO)
KUSUMOHARTONO REPRESENTS GOLKAR, ARMED FORCES-CONTROLLED
"ASSOCIATION OF FUNCTIONAL GROUPS" WHICH, TOGETHER WITH
APPOINTED ARMED FORCES MEMBERS, DOMINATES INDONESIAN
PARLIAMENT AND INDONESIA'S TIGHTLY CIRCUMSCRIBED POLITICAL
LIFE. A MOSLEM OF JAVANESE ORIGIN BORN IN LAMPUNG
PROVINCE IN SOUTH SUMATRA, SUHARTO WAS ACTIVE IN STUDENT
ARMY DURING INDONESIAN REVOLUTION AGAINST DUTCH AND HAS
SINCE BEEN ACTIVE IN BUSINESS AND OTHER ENTERPRISES
WHICH GREW OUT OF STUDENT ARMY MOVEMENT. HE IS NOW
DIRECTOR IN P T MITSUGORO, LARGE JOINT INDONESIAN-
JAPANESE (MITSUI) CORN-GROWING VENTURE IN LAMPUNG
PROVINCE. WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING
POPULATION AGRICULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MATTERS.

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3. COLONEL SUKANDAR SUROJOTANOYO, ALSO A JAVANESE, IS SENIOR POLICE OFFICER APPOINTED TO PARLIAMENT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF ARMED FORCES PARLIAMENTARY GROUP (INDONESIAN POLICE ARE BRANCH OF ARMED FORCES). WILL BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MATTERS.

4. NEITHER SUHARTO NOR SUKANDAR IS PARTICULARLY WELL-KNOWN OR ACTIVE PARLIAMENTARIAN. BOTH SPEAK ENGLISH. THEIR DOMESTIC POLITICAL VIEWS WILL REFLECT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-ORIENTED APPROACH TO DOMESTIC POLITICS WHICH IS POLICY ENCOURAGED BY INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT'S MILITARY LEADERSHIP, AS OPPOSED TO OLD COMMUNAL AND PARTISAN-BASED POLITICS. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THEY WILL EXPRESS INDONESIA'S NEUTRALIST "FREE AND ACTIVE" FOREIGN POLICY, AVOIDANCE OF GREAT POWER ALLIANCES AND MILITARY TIES, AND INTEREST IN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BOTH EAST AND WEST.

5. SENATOR SCOTT DID NOT MEET EITHER SUHARTO OR SUKANDAR DURING HIS VISIT TO JAKARTA IN 1973.
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